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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Exempts certain meetings and conference calls from the requirements of the Open Meetings Law.

Present law requires that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public. Provides relative to public notice of such meeting, public comment and voting during meetings, and publication of minutes of meetings.

Present law defines meeting as a convening of a quorum of a public body to receive information, deliberate, or act on a matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

Present law excepts certain meetings from the requirements of present law.

Proposed law provides an additional exception. Provides that present law does not apply to meetings at which a quorum is present, conference calls, or other conversations via telecommunication media relative to a declared state of emergency, disaster, or public health emergency, at which presentations related to the emergency are the only purpose of the call and no vote or other action is taken.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 42:17(E))